

**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Divisional Application (of Serial No.09/390,182):

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ATTACHING INFORMATION TO WORDS OF A  
TRIE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the  
following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the "Field of Invention" section a new  
section entitled:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a division of copending United States Patent Application Serial No.  
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